

**Amendments to the claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (new) An overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for voice, video and data (VVDL) transmission services, comprising:

a rectangular outer cover having a geometrical shape comprising a thermoplastic material;

at least one or a plurality of transmission circuit comprising: a self-supporting member comprising two conducting elements; said elements arranged at the opposite ends, in parallel, and in turn are diametrically opposed to the transmission circuit;

said cable comprising a core having a pair of stranded conductors placed at the center of the rectangular structure of the cable wherein said conductors are insulated by a thermoplastic compound layer; a swelling layer surrounding said core which is deposited electrostatically as a moisture protection element; and an extruded cover reinforced with thermoplastic material forming the lead-in cable.

Claim 10 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9 wherein the conducting elements are made of a material selected from the group consisting of metal and fiber glass.

Claim 11 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for

transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9 wherein the conducting elements are impregnated with a material selected from a group consisting of polymers, kevlar tapes and mylar tapes.

Claim 12 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 11 wherein the polymers are selected from a group consisting of polyolefins, polyethylene, polypropylene and combinations thereof.

Claim 13 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9, wherein the circuit formed by a stranded pair of balanced circuit presents a characteristic impedance of 100 ohms.

Claim 14 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9, wherein the swelling powder is a conventional poly(sodium acrylate) homopolymer compound.

Claim 15 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9, wherein the swelling powder is electrostatically applied to form a cover layer on the stranded pair during the extrusion of the flame resistant reinforced thermoplastic cover.

Claim 16 (new) ) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9 wherein the self supporting member is made of

metal.

Claim 17 (new) ) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 16 wherein the self supporting member act as additional circuit with regard to the core, enhancing the transmission of voice signals such that they constitute a circuit oriented to the transmission of analog signals.

Claim 18 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9, wherein the circuit of the stranded pair permits the transmission of digital signal data at speeds of 155 Mbps.

Claim 19 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9, wherein pairs are stranded with a smooth surface at a diameters of 0.5 to 0.64 mm.

Claim 20 (new). The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9, wherein the cable permits to span distances of up to 150 meters, and the distance between each strand of the conductors permits to reduce the diaphony effects caused by the nearness of other element emitting electromagnetic signals, as well as reduce the loss of energy to the other circuit.

Claim 21 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9, wherein in each one of the conductors, the core

is insulated with a thermoplastic layer.

Claim 22 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 21, wherein the insulation is applied continuously and uniformly such that the concentricity of the wall of insulating material with regard to the conductor is higher than 90% and can be colored for identification purposes.

Claim 23 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) according to claim 9 further comprising a thin thermoplastic sleeve as protecting element against melting heat up to 240°C.

Claim 30 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 9, wherein the filler of swelling material which serves as a moisture protective element is deposited electrostatically and arranged between the area around the thin sleeve and the core of the stranded conductors.

Claim 31 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for transmission services (VVDL) of claim 30, wherein the conductors of the core or self-supporting members of the metal cables are elements selected from the group consisting of copper, alloys and combination thereof.

Claim 32 (new) The overhead or underground telephone lead-in cable for

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transmission services (VVDL) of claim 31 wherein the conductors are subjected to thermal treatments.